brominated vegetable oils in these soft drinks;

(d) if so, since when the BVO was being used in these soft drinks and what are the reasons for not taking action earlier;

(e) whether some manufacturers of soft drinks claim that no BVO is being used in their soft drinks; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have not issued any ban order on consumption of some soft drinks. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had, however, issued a notification under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 on 15th April, 1988 deleting Brominated Vegetable Oil (BVO) from the list of permitted emulsifiers and stabilisers. Later on, on the basis of advice of experts, use of this chemical was extended upto 15-4-1990. Ministry of food Processing Industries and Food Health Authorities of States/U.Ts. have been urged upon to ensure that all food products manufactured and marketed in the country after the stipulated date, are free from this chemical.

Some of the leading manufacturers of soft drinks have informed the Ministry of Food Processisng Industries that either they have stopped manufacturing these drinks or they have discontinued use of this chemical.

One Family, One Child Norm

2074. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the (Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote "One family, one child' norm;

(b) if so, in what manner; and

(c) if not, how else Government propose to tackle the population problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to promote 'One family, one child' norm.

(c) To tackle the population problem, a well defined strategy has been evolved which lays emphasis on improving quality of health services, strengthening health infrastructure, enhancing child survival rates through Universal Immunisation Programme, intensifying population education, enhancing community participation, adopting improved communication approaches and involving voluntary organisations. Besides, schemes of reinforcement of training and retraining of personnel at the grass-root level, establishing and strengthening linkages with related development programmes like female literacy and improvement of women's status and adoption of area intensive approach are being implemented and will be further strengthened.

डेसू द्वारा उठाये गये घाटे

2075. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:**
श्री राम जेठमलानी:
श्री शान्ति त्यागी:

क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 14 मई, 1990 के "दि हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में "डेसू लोस्ट 10 करोड़ इन थ्री मंथ्स" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि यह आर्थिक हानि घटिया किस्म के बिजली उपकरण इस्तेमाल करने के कारण हुई है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके अन्य कारण क्या हैं; और

(घ) ऐसे घटिया किस्म के उपकरण खरीदने के क्या कारण थे; और क्या सरकार ने इन की खरीद के संबंध में कोई जांच कराई है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एम॰ एस॰ गुरुपदस्वामी): (क) जी, हां।